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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A communiqué was issued but as I understand the English language, no conceding could be inferred from it."

Detection of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Manjeri Police station.

* 214 Q.—JANAB K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the existence of a large number of serious crimes of recent happening undetected within the jurisdiction of the Manjeri Police station in Malabar;

(b) the reasons for the failure to detect the said crimes; and

(c) whether any special measures have been taken to detect the crimes and allay public anxiety?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) There were two serious crimes of recent happening within the jurisdiction of Manjeri Police Station in Malabar. Of these, one was detected, but the other could not be detected in spite of vigorous efforts as no disinterested witnesses were available.

" (c) Every effort was made and intensive police patrolling of the villages of the area was also carried out. There is no need for public anxiety."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know, Sir, if in respect of the crimes that have not been detected, efforts to detect them will be continued? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is aware that, with the lapse of time, evidence gets more and more unreliable and the court will not accept such evidence and to take it to court is of no use."

10-50 a.m. DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware of the statements issued by Malabar leaders in 'Mathruboomi,' complaining about frequent acquittals in murder cases that come up before the Sessions Court? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot help these comments."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" The Hon. Chief Minister stated that two crimes were perpetrated in the locality in question. May I know what exactly these crimes were? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think they are murders and in addition some looting."

Salary of Hon. Chief Minister.

* 215 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Hon. the Chief Minister is drawing his pay as Chief Minister of this State in addition to his pension as ex-Governor-General of India, and if so, what the amount is?